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SUBJ: PEKING COVERAGE OF THAI DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY: CHINESE REPORTS ON THAI STUDENTS HAVE BEEN BASED
PRIMARILY ON WESTERN NEWS REPORTS, WITH LITTLE INDICATION THAT
PEKING WANTS TO TAKE A HARD POSITION UNTIL THE
DUST HAS SETTLED. END SUMMARY.

1. NCNA HAS CARRIED REPORTS ON OCT 13,14,15 REVIEWING
THE GROWTH OF THE THAI STUDENT MOVEMENT "AGAINST OPPRESSION
BY THE THAI AUTHORTIES" AND "FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHT." THE RE-
PORTS HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY FACTUAL AND BASED ONNEWS FROM
WESTERN PRESS AGENCIES AND RADIO THAIALND. NCNA REPORTED THE
RESIGNATION AND DEPARTURE FROM THAILAND OF PRIME MINISTER THANOM
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AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRAPHAT, THE APPOINTMENT OF SANYA

THAMMASAK AS PRIME MINISTER, AND THE KING'S STATEMENT THAT MANY HUNDREDS HAD LOST THEIR LIVES. NCNA SAID THAT THE STUDENTS HAD "FOUGHT BACK VALIANTLY" AGAINST THE "SAVAGE SUPPRESSION BY THAI TROOPS AND ARMED POLICE" AND THAT THEIR "JUST STRUGGLE HAS WON WIDE SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND PUBLIC OPINION."

2. COMMENT: PEKING IS CLEARLY TAKING A CAUTIOUS LINE ON THE CHAOTIC SITUATION IN BANGKOK, WAITING FOR THE DUST TO SETTLE OR THE ISSUES TO FOCUS MORE CLEARLY BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF. WHILE DOING THEIR DUTY TO GIVE VERBAL SUPPORT TO THE STUDENTS, THE CHINESE REPORTS WERE CAREFUL TO SAY NOTHING CRITICAL OF THANOM AND PRAPHAT. THIS RESTRAINT, HOWEVER, COULD CHANGE RATHER QUICKLY WHEN WORD GETS OUT THAT PRAPHAT AND NARONG ARE IN TAIPEI AND PEKING CONCLUDES FORMER RTG LEADERS ARE UNLIKELY TO RETURN.
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